



# THE BRITISH COLONIST

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## JOB PRINTING.

**THE BRITISH COLONIST PUB'** LISHING COMPANY has now received a large addition to their stock of new and beautiful looking type, will execute orders to any extent with entire despatch, at a slight advance on San Francisco prices.

## BIRTHS, DEATHS, AND MARRIAGES.

In future all notices of Births, Deaths, and Marriages will be accepted for publication, and will be prepaid at the following rates: For Births and marriages, \$1 50; for deaths, \$1, with funeral notice \$1 50.

## THE IMPORTANT QUESTION.

In our yesterday's issue we eluded briefly to the fallacies of the Colonial Secretary in his effort to mislead the public in reference to the amount of their taxation. When a man, in order to excuse the culpability of the present, is driven to begging the question by showing the apparent justice of the past, he is, we think, reduced to the last argumentative absurdity. Could anything, for instance, be more preposterous than making the non-committal of murder last year a justification of the crime the present; and yet this is exactly Mr. Young's position. We asserted that the rate of taxation in Vancouver Island is from \$65 to \$70 a head; and Mr. Young attempts to prove that our statement is mendacious by logically arguing that the rate at one time was but \$15 per head. We are afraid the gentleman has not formed a very intimate acquaintance with Whately. If he had he would not only have avoided so glaring a fallacy, but by the exercise of a little ingenuity might have made out a plausible case enough; but to come forward before the people and claim credit for the Government, because their demands on the public purse last year with more business and a larger population, were much less than their demands this year with a diminution in both business and population, makes us reasonably doubt the man's intelligence. If there was an object to be gained at all it could have only been by showing that our taxation was diminishing instead of increasing—that our expenditure this year was much less than it was last. To have strained, however, both facts and arithmetic to prove that the taxation of 1864 was only \$15 a head while the exorbitant figures of 1865 were before us, was the way above all others to make the conduct of the Government more than ever unbearable. A thousand times better would it have been for the Honorable the Colonial Secretary to have openly recanted his after dinner recklessness and gone to work to prove—not that the taxation of the past was small but rather that it was larger in proportion than the present—not that the policy of the Government of Vancouver Island was to augment the public taxation in proportion as the financial capacity of the people decreased, but rather to reduce the expenditure of the country as the wealth and population diminished. When men's pockets are touched, however, they sometimes from sheer fright lose their self-possession, and Mr. Young with his brother official, no doubt considered that their salaries were becoming precarious the moment the subject of taxation was agitated. It was an unfortunate moment however in which they indulged in arrogant and insolent assertion; for they have simply brought the disagreeable matter more and more before the public mind.

We have no desire to injure any official in the colony; but justice, we are told, is before generosity, and magnanimity is less active than self-preservation. In our remarks on taxation all we aim at is cheap government, and that we must obtain if every individual across James Bay should be sent to prison—not that the taxation of the past was small but rather that it was larger in proportion than the present—not that the policy of the Government of Vancouver Island was to augment the public taxation in proportion as the financial capacity of the people decreased, but rather to reduce the expenditure of the country as the wealth and population diminished. When men's pockets are touched, however, they sometimes from sheer

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## CENTRAL AMERICA.

[From the Alta of Sept. 11.]

By way of Panama we have dates from

Punta Arenas to August 10th.

## GUATEMALA.

The Municipalities of the several Depart-

ments have been actively engaged sending

in addresses to Gen. Cerna, congratulating

him on his elevation to the Presidency.

The College of Jesuits held a festival on

July 31st, the saint day of Ignacio Loyola, founder of the order. The influence of

the Jesuits is now paramount, at least in the

city of Guatemala.

## HONDURAS.

The insurrection at Olancha has been at-

last suppressed by President Melini in per-

son. Barnab Autunes, the leader of the

rebels, was caught at Gualeao and sent to

the capital, and handed over to Lieut. Colonel

Soliz, who was in pursuit.

## COSTA RICA.

Congress has voted an additional approp-

riation to aid the introduction of European

emigrants into the Republic.

The road to Limon, on the Atlantic, is still

being made; already \$43,530 Costa Rica

currency have been expended on it. The

loan to be raised in Europe for its completion

has not yet been effected.

## PERU.

From the Alta of Sept. 11.]

By way of Panama we have dates from

Valparaiso to the 2d of August, and from

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We clip the following news items from the

Star of Callao:

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Callao to the 13th.

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Star of Callao:

## CHILI.

A company has been formed for the con-

struction of a railroad from the port of Tongai

to the mine of Tarnay. The capital of the

company is \$20,000, in \$500 shares. All

the shares have already been taken up pri-

marily by the leading capitalists of Valparaiso.

The contract for building and equipping

the road has been awarded to Mr. Henry

Meiggs, who binds himself to have the road

completed and in running order in eighteen

months from the 1st of August of the year,

or to forfeit the sum of \$10,000 for each

month of delay beyond that time. The com-

pany agree to pay ten thousand dollars per

month bonus for each month that the work

may be completed in less than the specified

time.

From the returns, not yet complete, of the

census taken in Chile in April last, it is cal-

culated that the increase in the population of

that Republic in about ten years is over 400,-

000.

BOUNIA.

From Bolivia we learn that Malaguejo

was within a few miles of La Paz, where the

revolutionary army of 4000 men was posted.

BUENOS AIRES.

In Uruguay and Buenos Ayres nothing of

importance has taken place. The allied

armies are rapidly increasing, and it is prob-

able that in a short time their leader, Gen.

Mitre, will be at the gates of Asuncion. The

Paraguayan had invaded Rio Grande 15,-

000 strong, and driven the Brazilians out of

Sor Roria.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Attention, Fire Department.

**IN CONFORMITY WITH SECTION**

11 of the Firemen's Protection Act, 1861,

we give notice that the ELECTION OF

CHIEF and ASSISTANT ENGINEERS

in VICTORIA, FIRE DEPARTMENT for the

ensuing year, will be held at the house of

Tiger Engine Co., No. 2,

On MONDAY, 2d DAY OF OCTOBER, 1865,

AT TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON.

The polls will be closed at 4 o'clock, p.m.

By order, E. C. HOLDEN,

He is secretary, V. F. D.

WILSON & MURRAY

Victoria Bakery, Port street,

WILL SHORTLY HAVE A VACANCY

for a first-class BREAD BAKER.

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## TELEGRAPHIC.

Special Dispatch to the "Colonist."

## EASTERN NEWS.

Shocking Murder at Augusta—State Convention Election in S. C.—The South Endorses the President's policy—Scotch Settlement in Virginia—Reduction of the Navy—Fenianism.

NEW YORK, Sept. 9.—Savannah, correspondence of the 5th inst., account of the 2d S. C. soldiers, 3d dragoons, at Augusta, on the night of the 3d, by three young members of the most respectable families at that place. It appears the captain was discovered in company with a mulatto girl, who was mistress of one of the men. They attacked him with revolvers; one shot penetrating the neck and proving mortal. Not satisfied with this, they fired on his prostrate body inflicting ghastly wounds with knives. The affair caused such excitement that there was danger of a riot. Threats were made of burning the city. The murderers were arrested and quiet restored.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—Judge Pratt pronounced Byrnes to be hanged on November 1.

Mexicans are celebrating the anniversary

of the independence by saluting noon

and sunset, and an address by Jose, Mont-

gual and others this evening.

MARKETS AND SHIPPING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 17.—There has been quite a brisk business in Exchange, 13½@2 per cent. premium for sight drafts payable in coin.

Greenbacks sold at 72½.

Cottons—Advancing.

SALE.—Sept. 15.—British ship *Lottie*, Na-name; *Bark Florida*, *Nanaimo*; *Bark**Huntsville*, Puget Sound. Sailed Sept. 16—*Santa*, Nevada, for Portland and Victoria; *Brig T. W. Lucas*, Puget Sound.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

LATER FROM CARIBOO.

The steamer *Enterprise* arrived yesterday

from New Westminster, with about 60 pas-

sengers and a Cariboo express.

The *Oram*, Hart and Marysville

companies are to resume their work in the

course of the week.

The *Enterprise* contains but little of especial

interest beyond the following account of the

results of the recent disastrous floods:

DAMACBS FROM THE LATE FLOOD.

Above the town of Richfield the flood car-

ried away all the sluice boxes belonging to

the companies engaged in ground sluicing.

At Barkerville the Sheepskin shaft struck

with water just after the company had struck

an excellent prospect; they will be able to

remove the water immediately.

The *Forest* Rock claim sustained very little damage; the company

prospecting working all winter. The Hibernian

Co.'s diggings are filled up, but they will be

able to pump out the water and resume work

again. The Welsh claim has caved in badly, and the creek made a complete entrance into it; it is not certain whether the Company

will resume work this season. The Hilt or

Miss and the Australian claims have also

caved in, and the water from the Welsh

claim has filled them up; both companies

concerned yesterday to add more shafts in

the creek and to work it again.

The *Wake up Jake* company have been

stopped for some days by a surface leak.

The *Autura* Co. have had to suspend work

from the water coming into their claim

from the *Wake up Jake*; both claims will

probably resume operations to-day.

The Cariboo claim has been filled with water; no serious damage has been done, and work will be

immediately resumed. The Lillooet claim

has caved in several places. The Grizzly

has been held up at the shaft, rendering it

impossible to remove the water.

The *Enterprise* has caved in several places, but it

seems to still vent the water freely.

LOWHIE CREEK.

The freshet has carried away flumes or

wings, all timber, and a large amount of

timber.

The *Forest* Rock claim sustained very little

damage; the company has removed the

flumes and wings.

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BED-ROCK DRINK.

Mr. R. Brown and J. Adair are hard at

work repairing the damage sustained by the

Bed-rock drain, which will be in order

again in the course of a few days.

B. D.

LATER FROM COLUMBIA RIVER.

The news from the Big Bend country is

encouraging. Diggings paying from \$16

to \$20 a day to the hand had been struck.

Mr. Romano, Mr. Baxter and others, from Yale,

who had gone over to the diggings, had returned

to the head of Shuswap Lake, in order

to take their loaded trains with goods, to

a point where the water had subsided.

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LIGHTNING CREEK.

The freshet on this creek has put a stop for

the present to mining operations. The sluice

boxes of the several companies at work were

carried away, and serious damage done to the

claims.

BURNING CREEK.

Only two companies on this creek have got

a continued falling off in the British exports

as compared with last year.

The fates had prognosticated a most splendid

success for the *Forest* Rock claim, but

the miners have been disappointed.

BRIDGE RIVER DIGGINGS.

[From the British Columbian.]

The following extract from Mr. Elliott's

Report to the hon. the Colonial Secretary,

before the fall of Viekiung, Bremicking,

and Jacob Thompson have arrived here.

These, with United and a host of other

representatives of the Confederacy, hold coun-

cil there, debating affairs with high hopes of

